

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 12-17, 20-24, 28-35, 37, 41, 43-57, 59, 80 and 85-96 have been allowed.

Claims 97, 98, 100-102, 104, and 106-107 have been rejected for allegedly being unpatentable over Luber et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,430,433 ("Luber"). In addition, claims 104 and 105 have been rejected for allegedly being unpatentable over Luber in view of Cho, U.S. Patent No. 6,154,300. It is noted that claim 103 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the recitations of the base claim.

Applicants have canceled claims 97-108 herein without prejudice, and thus all of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections are now moot.

In view of the amendments made herein, the applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree that all pending claims are allowable, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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